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HEW FOR SECRETARY CALIFANO FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY CALIFANO

REF: (A) STATE 97732, (B) STATE 094751

1. I AM PLEASED TO LEARN OF YOUR PLANS TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. MRS. TOON AND I WOULD BE PLEASED IF YOU AND YOUR SONS COULD STAY AT SPASO HOUSE WHILE IN MOSCOW.
2. I TRANSMITTED YOUR LETTER ON APRIL 19 TO MINISTER PETROVSKIY, WHO CONFIRMED THAT JUNE 10-18 IS ACCEPTABLE FOR THE VISIT, AND THAT THE SOVIETS WILL PAY FOR IN-COUNTRY COSTS. PETROVSKIY WELCOMED YOUR VISIT, STATED THAT THE FULL RESOURCES OF THE HEALTH MINISTRY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU, AND RECALLED THE WARM HOSPITALITY HEW ACCORDED HIM DURING HIS VISITS TO THE U.S. HE SAID YOUR SPECIAL CONCERNS FOR CANCER AND ANTI-SMOKING WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN PLANNING YOUR VISIT, AS WELL AS YOUR INTEREST IN VIEWING CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES.

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3. PETROVSKIY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT YOUR VISIT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEWING AND STRENGTHENING THE HEALTH BILATERAL AND TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF JOINT PUBLICATIONS. HE SAID HE IS PLEASED WITH HEALTH COOPERATION GENERALLY, BUT NOTED THAT HEW HAS TAKEN A CONSERVATIVE POSITION ON THE ARTIFICIAL HEART PROJECT. I RESPONDED THAT HEW WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AT CURRENT

LEVELS, BUT NO INCREASE IS ANTICIPATED, ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL B. PETROVSKIY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE AMICABLE, AND SAID IT DID NOT REPRESENT A MAJOR PROBLEM.

4. REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH NON-HEALTH OFFICIALS, I SUGGESTED TO PETROVSKIY THAT YOU MEET WITH MINISTER OF HIGHER AND SPECIALIZED SECONDARY EDUCATION V. P. YELYUTIN, AND AN APPROPRIATE COUNTERPART FOR WELFARE ISSUES. PETROVSKIY STATED HE WILL TAKE STEPS TO ARRANGE THESE MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE NOW THAT THE DESIRED INTERLOCUTORS WILL BE IN MOSCOW DURING YOUR VISIT. HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY WEINBERGER HELD SUCH DISCUSSIONS DURING HIS VISIT HERE. I ADDED, ALTHOUGH YOU HAD NOT SPECIFICALLY MADE THIS REQUEST, THAT IT HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE FOR CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP (I.E. BREZHNEV OR KOSYGIN) WHEN VISITING MOSCOW. PETROVSKIY SAID HE WOULD PASS THIS OBSERVATION ON TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR DECISION.

5. PETROVSKIY SAID HE WILL TRY TO KEEP SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS TO A MINIMUM, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT DETAIL SPECIFIC PLANS. I BELIEVE HE WILL HOST AT LEAST ONE OFFICIAL LUNCH OR RECEPTION FOR YOU. I WILL BE PLEASED TO GIVE A RETURN LUNCHEON OR RECEPTION AT SPASO HOUSE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOUR HONOR.

6. PETROVSKIY NOTED THAT WHILE YOU HAD ONLY MENTIONED VISITS TO MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD IN YOUR LETTER, THERE MIGHT BE TIME IN YOUR SCHEDULE FOR VISITS TO NOVOSIBIRSK, ARMENIA OR OTHER TRANS-CAUCASIAN REPUBLICS. HE ALSO MENTIONED HE HAD LEARNED YOU ARE AN AVID FISHERMAN, AND THAT THERE ARE MANY EXCELLENT LOCATIONS FOR THIS SPORT IN THE SOVIET UNION (FYI: I UNDERSTAND THAT LAKE SEVAN IN ARMENIA IS FAMOUS FOR TROUT). PETROVSKIY STATED HE AWAITS YOUR ITINERARY SUGGESTIONS.

7. PETROVSKIY'S COMMENTS ABOVE NOTWITHSTANDING, MY FEELING IS THAT YOUR ITINERARY SHOULD BE HELD TO MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. THESE REPRESENT BY FAR THE MAJOR CENTERS OF MEDICAL INTEREST, AND IN VIEW OF YOUR LIMITED TIME AND RATHER FULL ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS IN MOSCOW, THIS WILL PERMIT A MORE RELAXED PACE AND ADDITIONAL TIME FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. A REASONABLE ITINERARY MIGHT BE: ARRIVAL MOSCOW JUNE 10; DEPARTURE BY OVERNIGHT TRAIN FOR LENINGRAD EVENING JUNE 14; DEPARTURE FROM LENINGRAD FOR THE U.S. JUNE 18. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR DESIRES SO

THAT WE CAN START TO FIRM UP YOUR SCHEDULE WITH THE SOVIETS

8. ALTHOUGH PETROVSKIY MADE NO MENTION OF PRESS MATTERS, IT IS THE GENERAL PRACTICE FOR THE SOVIETS TO ORGANIZE A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR BOTH TELEVISION AND THE PRINT MEDIA FOR CABINET-LEVEL VISITORS. THE SOVIETS WILL PROBABLY ALSO DESIRE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WE WILL ADDRESS THESE MATTERS, AS WELL AS SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, IN SEPARATE MESSAGES. TOON

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